GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CBEC CASES PENDING IN COURT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as on April 11. 1999, a sum of Rs. 8000 crore were locked up in the cases of adjudication in Central Excise Department on a review made by the Central Board of Excise and Customs;

(b) if so, how much amount has since been recovered and how much more money has been added in adjudication cases;

(c) the number of cases pending adjudication, as on April 1, 1998, April 1, 1999 and April 1, 2000 and how much money is locked up therein; and

(d) the steps taken to tone up the working of the Central Excise and other departments under his Ministry to expedite recovery of locked up money in adjudication cases in central excise, customs and income tax, giving their figures?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Sir, as on 1.4.1999, a sum of Rs.7928 crore was locked up in pending adjudication cases in the Central Excise Department.

(b) An amount of Rs. 249 crore has since been recovered out of the aforesaid amount. An amount of Rs.8763 crore is involved in fresh adjudication cases added.

(c) The number of cases relating to central excise pending adjudication and amount locked up therein, is as follows:

As on 1.4.1998		As on 1.4.1999		As on 1.4.2000	
No.of cases	Amount involved (Rs.in cr.)	No.of cases	Amount involved (Rs.in cr.)	No.of cases	Amount involved (Rs.in cr.)
47812	6584	47334	7928	46741	8687

(d) Steps taken to expedite recovery of locked up money in adjudication cases relating to central excise and customs include assignment of a large number of Commissioner-level cases involving substantial revenues to Commissioner of Central Excise (Adjudication) posted at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai, exclusively for adjudication work; active monitoring of pending cases at various levels, viz. Chief Commissioners, D.G.(Inspection), and the Boards; and instructing the field formations for completing adjudication proceedings in cases involving high demands, on priority basis. The amount locked up in other-than-court cases relating to customs duty as on 31.3.2000 was Rs. 718 crore. There is no provision for adjudication proceedings under the Income Tax Act.